

deeper root than ignorance of what the whole gospel means, wide, deep, profound ignorance, which the Lord pities, and enlightens as fast as he can, letting in a little light now and again as our weak vision can bear it, and leading us thus onward thru our dim pilgrimage, seeing at best "as thru a glass darkly," until by and by the day star shall arise, and the dawn of the perfect day illuminate the expanding horizon of the soul.

Sincerity

It is a mistake to say that it makes no difference what we believe so we are sincere, for the reason that belief is always reflected in the life. Belief of an error is rendered doubly pernicious by perfect sincerity in that belief. There is evidence for example that the old Roman Catholics honestly believed that heretics should be burned alive, and sincerity in this belief made horrible many a page of history. Sincerity can not make black white, but when we combat this error let us not for a moment underrate or undermine the vital importance of sincerity, without which not even the Almighty Truth can save us. So great indeed is its ethical value that where it is found joined to right purposes, it will take the sting out of error which is less than fundamental. Otherwise who then can be saved, for who is wholly free from error? The Lord will pardon much to honest ignorance, and have long patience with the error which is embraced because it is sincerely believed to be the truth.

Why He Resigned

In resigning his pastorate a McKeesport pastor gives ten reasons for his action. In his closing remarks he scored the congregation roundly and told his people that the church would never prosper until a different feeling prevailed. He said in part: "My pastorate here has been a failure. I say this with no little humiliation, for I have pride in my profession. But I must confess that my efforts have been an absolute failure. I know why. I can tell what is wrong with this congregation just as well as a physician can tell what is wrong with a patient after attending him many years." The pastor then read ten reasons why he decided to resign and which were the causes of his failure. Just how far the pastor is responsible for the condition that exists in that congregation, and how far the people are responsible, is a matter not easily determined. But surely both congregations and pastors in our own beloved brotherhood will do well to study the conditions in this particular congregation, and if such conditions exist anywhere among our own people, let an earnest search be made for the cause, and the proper remedies applied.

The ten reasons are as follows: (1) Persistent refusal of a large majority of the members to attend the Sabbath evening and midweek services. (2) Habitual coldness toward strangers, driving them away as fast as they can be brought in. (3) Refusal to enter into the councils of the congregation. (4) Opposition to all plans calculated to build up the church. (5) Persistent practice of ignoring and opposing the leadership of the pastor. (6) Habitual and persistent refusal to co-operate in the practical work of the church. (7) The common practice of dancing, cardplaying and the-

ater going. (8) Neglect to attend to the simplest financial needs of the congregation. (9) Repeated violations of written obligations, tending to bring the church into disrepute. (10) Having put forth my best efforts and realizing my inability to alter these things, I deem it my duty to myself and family, to my God and the church at large to tender my resignation.

Get To Work

If thou would free thyself from doubt,
Find God within and work without.

We do not know who is the author of these lines, but in no other uninspired sentence is there so much practical wisdom. In some instances doubt may arise from a dawning consciousness of error in doctrine, or in principles of conduct, but in most cases it is due to the fact that you are a stranger to the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, or to the fact that you are idle. Even where doubt is based upon an honest suspicion of error it can be often dispelled by setting the doubter to work. It is said that the Mormons pursue this plan with those of their members who are troubled with doubts concerning their iniquitous system. They are ordered out to work in the missionary field, and in these activities, bringing into play the natural instincts of self defense and aggressiveness, doubts disappear, and the erstwhile doubter becomes an ardent partisan. To much better purpose would the activities of truth and righteousness dispel troublesome doubts, and kindle that wholesome and hearty zeal of the soul which leads to fruitfulness and victory. Find God within, and there will be so much light in your soul that all the avenues for the ardent running of joyful service shall lie open before you.

Tell It to Jesus

It is a beautiful and comforting thought, the thought of taking the troubles and the entanglements of life to Jesus. When John the Baptist was slain, his heart broken disciples took the headless body of their leader, buried it and then went and told Jesus. Yes, blessed thought, tell Jesus, the sympathetic Jesus who is ever ready to hear, to help and to comfort the afflicted. Those into whose heart and life there come troubles and sorrows should remember these four words, Go and tell Jesus. Tell him all your little troubles and temptations, but tell him your joys also; tell him when you are thankful. There is a story of a king who gave a great quantity of thread to some children to weave, telling them to be sure and come to him when they had any trouble with it. The day came when all were to bring their work to the king. All the work showed that the threads had been tangled except that of one little girl. Hers was smooth and well finished. She was asked the reason and her answer was: I did as the king told me. Whenever I got into the least little bit of a tangle, I went to the king and he helped me." Things about us, and we ourselves sometimes, seem to get into tangles. Like the little girl, let us learn to take all these little tangles to the great King; he will unravel them for us. He will heal our sorrows, soothe the troubled heart, and give us help and comfort. Go and tell Jesus.